Informal Meeting

March 18th, 2021
The meeting is being recorded and will be published on our website.

Submit your questions anytime, either by raising a hand or posting your question in the Q & A box. We’ll do Q&A all throughout.

To hear the language of your choice (English, Spanish) click the button labeled “Interpretation” in the menu on the bottom of your screen; Click “Mute original audio” to only hear the interpretation.
NGO MARKETPLACE
mp.vngoc.org

NEW DESIGN
INSTANT MESSENGER
INTEGRATED TRANSLATION
MOBILE FRIENDLY
64th CND
12-16 April 2021

• NGO briefing
• Side Events
• Informal Dialogues
• VNGOC Annual General Meeting
INFORMAL DIALOGUES

64th CND


CND CHAIR
on Thursday, 15th April at 9am via MS Teams

UNODC ED
date to be confirmed

INCB PRESIDENT
on Friday, 16th April at 9.45 am via MS Teams

WHO
date to be confirmed
VNGOC SIDE EVENTS

Deadline for speaker applications: 25th March 2021

Apply through our online form: http://bit.ly/30ydfO7

- NGOs from Asia unite to create a consensus and a call for attention to the challenges in Asia regarding drug matters
- Civil Society & COVID-19 – responses during the pandemic
- Access to Controlled Medicines During COVID-19: meeting the needs of patients around the world
- Lessons learned from parenting under stress, in humanitarian settings and in the context of COVID19
- No one left behind: UNODC-WHO Programme on Drug Dependence Treatment and Care
- Insights into Treatment and Care for People with Drug Use Disorders in Contact with the Criminal Justice System: Alternatives to Conviction or Punishment
The VNGOC Board welcomes proposals from current members seeking to ensure and expand local engagement with the CND, with a view to making a series of small awards (EUR 200 – 500) to proposals that they feel can support civil society engagement.

**Example proposals**
- Locally hosted ‘watch parties’
- Forward small amounts to local partners to support their internet access
- Public screenings of selected CND meetings

**Eligible candidates**
- VNGOC members in good standing
- Based in low- and middle-income countries
- Willing to support a wide and balanced range of local partners
- Able to invoice for, receive and efficiently manage, funding from overseas

**Application process**
- Fill out the online form before 28th March
- VNGOC Board will review all completed, eligible proposals
- Board reserves all rights not to accept a proposal for any reason.

**Submit your proposal before 28th March:**
2020 was a year of challenges, hardship and tragedy for so many. But the pandemic has also further emphasised civil society’s crucial role in protecting physical and mental health, addressing the world drug situation, holding those in power accountable, and reaching those in need.

As this report shows, it has been another busy and productive year for the VNGOC.
Annual General Meeting 2021

All of the VNGOC meetings in the margins of the 64th CND, including the Annual General Meeting and the Informal Dialogues, will be online events this year.
AGM PART 1
8th April 3PM

The meeting will be held using Zoom. In order to receive the link please register:
http://bit.ly/3llFeKm

Draft agenda & minutes of the last meeting
Adoption of the draft agenda and approval of the minutes of the last meeting – approval by silent consensus

Presentation of the annual report and approval of the financial report 2020 by the auditors.

Budget 2021 & appointment of an auditor
Approval of the budget 2021 and appointment of an auditor for the period of two years.

Membership proposal - changes to election procedure
Discuss the proposal received and approve the next steps.

Update from UNODC
Receive an update from the UNODC Civil Society Unit.

Board Elections
Introduction to the online election system and short presentation by each candidate.
MEMBERSHIP FEES 2021

Each member organization is asked to pay an annual membership fee depending on their total annual revenue in 2020. More info: http://vngoc.org/membership-fees/

All members are welcome to pay more than the minimum fee to support the Committee.

DEADLINE 5th April 2021

A. Under € 10,000
   No fee, but mandatory completion and submission of the Membership Commitment Form

B. € 10,001 to € 50,000
   Annual minimum fee: € 60

C. € 50,001 to € 150,000
   Annual minimum fee: € 90

D. € 150,001 and over
   Annual minimum fee: € 120
Each organisation must select one representative to vote for their organisation by emailing the name and email address of the voting representative to info@vngoc.org before Wednesday, 7th April 2021, 3pm Vienna. The representative will receive a voting key from the platform electionrunner.com for each of the three positions.

The VNGOC AGM will be resumed on Thursday 15th April at 4.30 pm to welcome the new board members and conclude the 2021 AGM.
ONLINE VOTING

• The designated representative will receive an individual link and voting key when the election starts. You will receive a separate email for each position.
• When clicking on the link in the email you will be directed to the VNGOC board election site on www.electionrunner.com
• You can now select the candidate of your choice, and click “submit ballot”
• After the election is over you will receive an email with the results
I have been on the VNGOC Board since March 2017, and the Chair since March 2018. During this time, it has been a huge honour to represent this growing global network...

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Augusto Nogueira
ARTM (Macau)

I believe I can use my experience as President of the IFNGO and of the ARTM, Macau to support the Treasurer as well as the VNGOC. I believe it’s time to have someone from the Asia on on the board...

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Alexandre Kieslich da Silva
Conectados pela vida (Brazil)

Since 2016 I work as an addiction psychiatrist in Porto Alegre, Brazil. I think regional balance is crucial, because we have various public policy issues in South America...

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George Ochieng Odalo
Slum Child Found. (Kenya)

My passion to run for this position is driven by the change that am eager to bring to the board more so for the voiceless young people around the globe who are affected by drugs...

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Heloísa Broggiato Matter
IAHPC (Brazil)

My objective is to represent the views and interests of practitioners and patients who need access to controlled substances for essential palliative care and other medical purposes...

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Arumugam Sankar
Empower

a Social Activist with legal background and Post Graduate in Economics representing India, a country with diverse socio-cultural background...

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CANDIDATES

DEPUTY SECRETARY

Penny Hill
Harm Reduction Australia

Penny Hill is the current Deputy Secretary. My motivations to continue on the Board include my enthusiasm to: continue working on and supporting the VNGOC Asia-Pacific Working Group...

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Asia Ashraf
WOCAD

Besides working on treatment and rehab of male population, she is deeply interested in exclusive needs and access to these services for the female, who remain neglected and excluded...

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Dr Kawal Deep Kour
SA-DARC

I believe that my nomination as Deputy Secretary would bridge a huge chasm that exists in policy understanding and development in India...

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AGM PART 2
15th April 4.30PM

The meeting will be held using Zoom. In order to receive the link please register: http://bit.ly/2OU4tYe

Board Elections
Confirmation of election results and welcome of the new board.

Nominations committee 2022
Appointment of the nominations committee for the 2022 board elections.
( Depending upon approval of the membership to change the election procedure )

Any other business
Questions & Answers and news from our members